

1 **Amendment No. 1 to the Bel Aire Municipal Water Conservation Plan 2025**
2 **(adopted March 4, 2025—~~aka Conservation Plan~~) due to and in compliance with**
3 **the new Wichita City Ordinance adopted on August 26, 2025.**
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5 Note: The intention of this Amendment to the Bel Aire Municipal Water Conservation Plan 2025
6 (hereinafter the “Conservation Plan”) is to temporarily adopt a plan that will meet the basic
7 require^{ments} of the new Wichita Ordinance which was adopted in August 2025 for
8 implementation on September 15, 2025. Bel Aire’s Utility Advisory Committee will conduct a
9 thorough review into this matter and develop a long-term plan to comply with these new
10 requirements.

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12 This Amendment replaces, in its entirety, the Stage 1: Water Watch (Voluntary Conservation)
13 under the Drought / Emergency Contingency Section of the Conservation Plan. However, should
14 a Stage 2, 3 or 4 Water Drought be declared, those Stages override this Amendment. This
15 Amendment comes into effect on September 15, 2025.

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17 **Permanent Water Restrictions**

18 **Goals**

19 The goal of the permanent water restrictions is to conserve water usage during non-emergent
20 water supply conditions.

21 **Education**

22 The City will make updates on the City’s communication platforms describing present conditions.
23 The updates will include water conservation information.

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25 **Management Actions**

- 26 1. Management will repair leaks as is the normal process to minimize waste of water and guard
27 against contamination.
- 28 2. The City Manager will direct Code Enforcement staff to enforce this water conservation
29 policies. The City may direct city police to assist Code Enforcement staff to enforce water
30 conservation policies.

Regulation Actions

All outdoor lawn spray irrigation is restricted to no more than three times per week and must NOT occur between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM ~~(of the assigned days) and 10 AM (of the following day).~~

- Addresses ending in odd numbers will may only water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday
- Addresses ending in even numbers will may only water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
- No Watering on Mondays
- Watering is only allowed before 10 am or after 6 pm
- Well or pond water users used for spray irrigation are exempt

Irrigation systems that use well water or naturally-fed ponds are exempt from this requirement, however; these users are encouraged to voluntarily comply with a three day per week lawn spray irrigation cycle. These users must display a sign, visible to the public, where such well water or pond sourced water is being used for lawn spray irrigation but only if they utilize lawn spray irrigation outside the days and times listed in the following watering schedule.

Exemptions

These watering restrictions only apply to lawn spray irrigation. All other methods of irrigation and other uses of water are exempt from this Permanent Water Restriction Ordinance.

The City Manager is authorized to make specific exemptions to this Permanent Water Restriction Ordinance upon request of users who may have a need for a specific exemption. These exemptions should be limited in the time frame (start and stop date). The purpose of the exemption should be documented. Examples of appropriate exemptions are for the installation of a new lawn, overseeding an existing lawn, etc.

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ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Bel Aire, Kansas on this 2nd day of September, 2025.

SIGNED by the Mayor on this _____ day of September, 2025.

CITY OF BEL AIRE, KANSAS

Jim Benage, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Krehbiel, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Maria A. Schrock, City Attorney